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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: TRANSPORT OF
FUTURE (05.01) AND RAIL (05.03) WORKING GROUPS

REF: A. STATE 190794 B. MOSCOW 17838 C. STATE 170053

1. SUMMARY. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED PLANS FOR TWO SOVIET
RAIL DELEGATION VISITS TO US IN FALL, AND RECEIVED
SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON US RAIL DELEGATION
VISIT TO USSR IN MAY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS MET AUG 4 WITH MIN RAIL OFFICIALS AT THEIR
REQUEST TO DISCUSS VISITS BY TWO SOVIET RAIL DELEGA-
TIONS TO US IN FALL (PARA 2 REF A). SOVIETS PREFER
MID-TO-LATE OCTOBER DATE FOR 7TH RAIL WG MEETING AND
REVIEW BECAUSE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER DATES DO NOT ALLOW
SOVIETS ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS.
IF POSSIBLE, SOVDEL WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE WORKING
GROUP VISIT TO US SO THEY CAN ATTEND SOME SESSIONS OF
CONFERENCE ON WHEELSETS (OCT 22-26). MID-NOVEMBER
DATE FOR DELEGATION ON AUTOMATED SYSTEMS OF RAILWAY
OPERATIONS IS ACCEPTABLE.

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3. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL A, MIN RAIL OFFICIAL SAID SOVIET
SIDE WAS WORKING ON ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY
FEARNSIDES TO KOULAEV, AND EXPECTS THEM TO BE READY BY
MID-AUGUST.

4. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUERY ABOUT PROBLEMS RAISED

IN RAMUNDO-MALASHKO LETTER (REF C) MIN RAIL OFFICIALS REPEATED POINTS MADE IN MALASHKO REPLY (REF B). THEY NOTED THAT THE 6000 HP TEP 75 LOCOMOTIVE HAD BEEN DISMANTLED AND IT WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOW IT TO THE US DELEGATION. MIN RAIL OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE 4000 HP TEP 70 LOCOMOTIVE WAS BROUGHT SPECIALLY TO THE SHCHERBINKA TEST RING FOR THE US DELEGATION TO INSPECT. (MINRAIL OFFICIALS ADDED THAT THE TEP 75 LOCOMOTIVE IS BEING BUILT AT THE KOLOMENSKOYE FACTORY.) MINRAIL OFFICIALS CLAIMED THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET PERMISSION FOR US DELEGATION TO VISIT THE VOROSHILOVGRAD FACTORY FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE FACILITY, BECAUSE IT WAS ALLEGEDLY BEING RECONSTRUCTED. MINRAIL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE VOROSHILOVGRAD FACTORY AND TO SHOW TEP 75 LOCOMOTIVE TO FUTURE US RAIL DELEGATION. FINALLY, MINRAIL OFFICIALS REPEATED THAT MAGNETIC SUSPENSION MODEL DID NOT EXIST ALTHOUGH DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THIS AREA IS UNDERWAY. TOON

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